Christmas Program At St. Ann's Church

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

At 8:00 P. M. on Christmas Eve, December 24, St. Ann's Episcopal Church will hold a candle-light Carol Service to mark the observance of Christ's birth. The service will be under the direction of Mr. Steirling G. Gordon, of the Virginia Episcopal Theological School, at Alexandria, and will feature congregational singing of familiar Christmas carols and hymns. Music for the service will be played by Walter Dresser at the church organ.

The congregation of St. Ann's extends a cordial invitation to Christians of all denominations to join them in this service at 8:00 P. M.

Nativity Scene at St. Ann's

The Nativity Scene, with life size figures in full color will be shown on the front lawn of St. Ann's during the Christmas season. Special lighting effects will illuminate this colorful display from dusk until 10:30 P. M., beginning on Thursday, Dec. 23.

At 11:00 A. M. on Sunday, December 26 (St. Stephen's Day) Mr. Gordon will conduct the service of morning prayer and sermon at St. Ann's. Mr. Gordon, a resident of Lynchburg, and senior at the Theological School will hold services at St. Ann's the fourth or fifth Sunday in each month until he graduates in June, 1955.

Announcement of Mr. Gordon's selection to assist in services at St. Ann's was made by the Reverend Robert Withers, Farmville, Va. Mr. Withers will continue to hold services at St. Ann's on the second Sunday in each month.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY IF BITTEN BY RABID ANIMAL

The best thing to do about rabies is to stop it before it starts.

But unfortunately Americans, particularly those in the southeastern states, unlike some of their more forward-nooking neighbors in other countries, still have the rabies problem.

What to do if bitten by an animal may suspected of having the disease?

Dr. S. L. Kalison, veterinarian at VPI Agricultural Extension Service, says to first wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water. Then consult your physician or the health department immediately for treatment of the wound and advice about anti-rabis vaccine. Do not kill the animal unless necessary. Instead, pen the animal for at least a week, if possible under the observation of a veterinarian. If the animal is killed, do not damage the head, but make arrangements to send it for laboratory analysis.

The virus of rabies, which is a 100% fatal disease, is often present in the saliva of rabid animals and is therefore most commonly transmitted by a bite. The virus cannot get through a normal unbroken skin but can enter the body if infected saliva gets into a fresh scratch or open wound.

The disease can be virtually wiped out, as it has been in England, Denmark, Ireland, Norway, and other countries. To do so, at least 70% of the dog population must be vaccinated, stray pets must be eliminated, and wildlife controlled. As it is now, the United States has no control program. It is left to the often faulty judgment of the states and localities, Dr. Kalison says.

In the early stages of so-called "furious" rabies, a dog may appear normal, even more friendly than usual. Then it becomes irritated; when picked up it will try to get away and if not freed promptly it will bite savagely. This is the way many children are bitten. Later on it becomes restless and excitable, begins to snap at flies, and to chase chickens, and other domestic animals. He wanders over the countryside, biting everything that gets in the way, including people, animals, or inanimate objects. His eyes are glassy and always open and his voice changes to a peculiar howl-like bark. In a few days paralysis will develop. Finally, the dog cannot get up and soon dies.

In "dumb" rabies, the early symptoms are sleepiness and melancholia. The dog will try to hide and get away by himself. Paralysis of the jaw, throat, voice and the leg muscles follows quickly.

Cattle mostly have the furious type of rabies, but rarely bite. They are nervous and restless. Frequently they will paw and butt into other animals and objects. They may eat less and have fits of bellowing. As do dogs, they are finally overcome by paralysis and death. Horses and mules become very vicious, and paw, kick and bite at moving objects and other animals. The lips are often drawn back and they may slobber. Paralysis sets in rapidly.

Research continues to improve the vaccines for both animals and humans. Currently dog-owners are advised to have their dogs vaccinated at least once a year. Although a dog vaccination is not 100% effective as is the case with all other vaccines, it does give immunity to enough dogs to make the procedure worthwhile However, if a dog has been bitten by a rabid animal before it was vaccinated, a preventive dose will do little good.

University of Richmond is leading Virginia college basketball teams so far this season. Spiders are undefeated in the Old Dominion.

Tobacco markets are closed for the Christmas holidays.

Homemakers Items

NATIVE GREENS INVITE GOOD CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

A house uncluttered this holiday season with the usual Christmas glitter you buy in the stores is the suggestion of Miss Ruth Jamison, the house furnishings specialist for the VPI Agricultural Extension Service.

You can make the house festive with native materials that you can find right at your door, she says.

According to traditions in some countries, greens are brought into the house so good spirits will have sprigs to perch on when they come in from the outside cold.

Sprigs of white pine and rhododendron, and pine cones or red dogwood berries are lovely for the door spray, or for the mantel, table, or shelf arrangements.

Bare gray twigs, small rock moss and lichen can be used for the dining table arrangement. Dip the twigs in a starch solution and sprinkle with soap flakes. Then stand them in a jar to dry. Arrange in a flat dish among small rocks, covered with moss and lichen, and you will have a "white Christmas" indoors.

If you want the traditional red and green center pieces for the table, try using a combination of holly and white pine arranged on a tray. Tuck shiny red apples in among the sprigs.

Perhaps you would like to bring home two little pines to plant in tubs. They will be attractive placed on either side of the front door.

Don't forget to bring in a whole basket of pine cones for the Christmas fire. If you want colorful flames, try soaking the cones overnight in a solution of water and ordinary table salt.

PLANS FOR TROUT PLANTING ANNOUNCED

According to G. W. Buller, chief of the Fish Division of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Commission will have more trout to plant after the beginning of the new year than ever before in the history of the department. Barring freeze-ups, Buller states that he will begin the planting of trout as early as possible in order to complete the project before the opening of the season at 12 o'clock on May 1, 1955.

FANS PRVENT DECAY IN WOOD IN BARNS

Ventilating fans help reduce condasation in dairy barns, say agricultural engineers at VPI.

Condensation causes rotting and rusting of window frames and sills, and high humidity is detrimental to animal health, the specialists warn.

ASSISTANCE TO HOME BUYERS AVAILABLE

Assistance to prospective buyers and builders under sanitary Home Mortgage Program is available in all of 23 counties in Maryland, ties in West Virginia, ties and 14 independent Virginia, it is announced by W. DeFrancesco, chairman Region IV Committee.

The list included Ap County, Virginia.

Assistance under the p also available to membe nority groups regardless they live.

Under the program, pers ing to build or buy home nated areas are given assi obtaining FHA-insured or anteed mortgages if they able to arrange for such with local lenders.

Headquarters for Regio located in Room 638 Building, 811 Vermont Av W., Washington 25, D. C.

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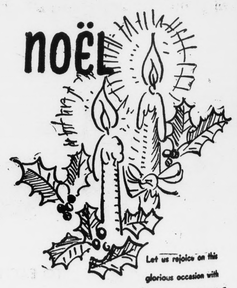

Let us rejoice on this glorious occasion with glad hearts and goodwill towards all mankind.

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ECORD OF BLUE RIDGE

...ber of deer killed west of ...Ridge during the season ...November 20th, was ...as against 5,141 ...ear, a 40 per cent in... ...ording to C. F. Phelps ...Game Division of the ...t of Game and Inland Fisheries.

This increase is phenomenal, taking into consideration that hunting was curtailed by two or three days of rain or fog during the season.

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The beauty of the old cold Christmas story has been an inspiration to many for many centuries... may this Christmas bring all of us closer to the hopeful message... Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men!

Guill's Snack Bar

Appomattox, Virginia

Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson

Appomattox Home Agent

How To Clean Furniture

Preparation for refinishing furniture clinic planned for Friday, January 6:—

The removal of the old finish from the wood, while not difficult, is a messy and tiresome task. If possible, it is hoped that this will be done before coming to the clinic.

Methods for removing the finish Caution— always work with the grain of the wood, regardless of the process in removing the finish. Work carefully. Once a gauge or scratch is made in the wood, it is very difficult to remove. Try not to work any deeper into the wood than necessary for removing the paint or varnish. The surface wood which has mellowed with age is the most beautiful.

Use plenty of paper to protect floor or table.

1. The scraping method is one of the best and cheapest for flat surfaces unless the top is warped. On warped surfaces, one is likely to leave scratches in the wood.

2. Commercial paint and varnish removers are good for removing varnish and thin coats of paint from fine woods. They do not raise the grain of the wood as do the alkaline solutions; as a result, one has less sanding to do after the operation. Apply the remover. Let stand about 20 minutes. Lift off the varnish with a putty knife. Apply a second coat. Rub with fine steel wool and wipe dry with a cloth. Repeat until the piece is clear.

Scrub the grooves with a fiber scrub brush and, when varnish is loose, wipe with a soft cloth. After all varnish has been removed, rinse with turpentine or benzine to clean the surface and to neutralize the remover.

Alkaline solutions are less expensive for removing many coats of paint or varnish but are hard on the wood—and hard on the hands. Use rubber gloves to protect hands and a fiber brush for scrubbing off the old paint. The solution will eat a bristle brush. Use the formula you can secure.

Homemade varnish remover—Use one quart household ammonia, one pound of sal soda, one gallon hot water.

Formula for alkaline solution — (1) 2 teaspoons caustic soda to one quart hot water. (2) 3 teaspoons lye to one quart of hot starch paste.

The lye has a tendency to burn certain kinds of wood surfaces. Brush the solution on generously and leave for 15 minutes or more until the paint or varnish begins to loosen up. Then lift it with a putty knife or a scraper. After the wood has been cleaned, wash with a vinegar solution to neutralize the alkaline solution. Vinegar solution—use 1 cup of vinegar to 1 gallon of water.

The Appomattox - Campbell 4-H All Star Chapter will hold their Christmas party at Sherwill Community Center on Wednesday, December 29, at 7:30 P. M. All all-stars and their friends are invited to attend.

The Glendale Home Demonstration Club will hold its annual Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Williamson on Wednesday, December 29, at 7:30 P. M. All members and their families are invited to attend.

Merry Christmas to all!

CLASSROOM SHORTAGES SERIOUS PROBLEM

Some 50,400 Virginia school children are being deprived of full-time education because of shortages of classrooms and teachers, the National Education Association has estimated. The figure, which is seven per cent of the state's estimated enrollment of 720,000 this school year, represents the nmber of public school children attending double-shift classes or have part time arrangements.

On a percentage basic, Virginia stands fourth worst in the nation of over-crowding, the NEA report said.

In one respect, the report showed a slight gain in Virginia education The state has increased by 6.7 per cent this year, the average pay for teachers and others on the instructional staffs. That compares with a national average increase of only five per cent. But the average pay for Virginia teachers, supervisors and principals during the school year will be $3,250. Only 12 states in the country have a lower average.

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